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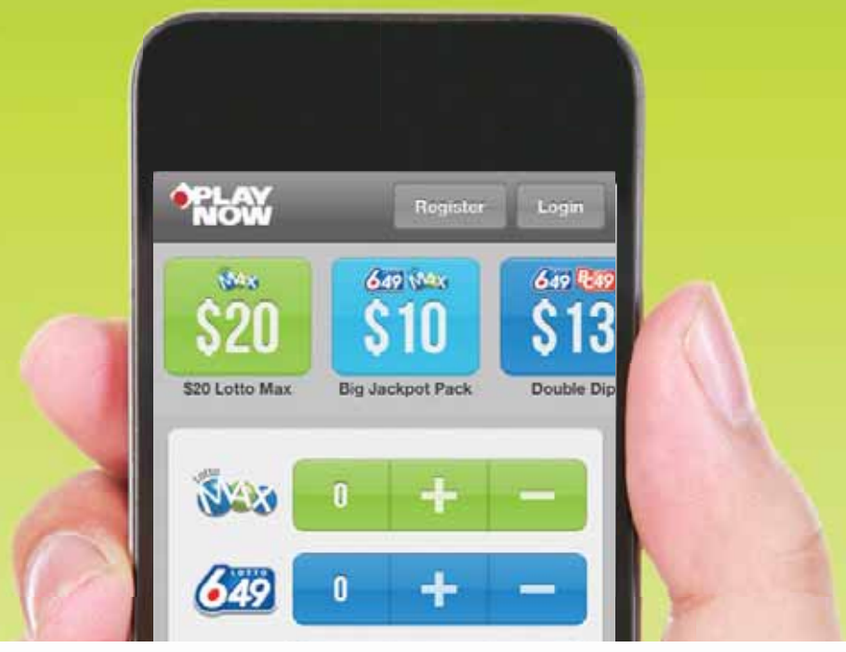

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RONALDO 101 AT UBC

Cristiano Ronaldo, one of the world's best soccer players, is now the subject of a fourth-year sociology course at UBC Okanagan. **Story, page 4.** DENIS DOYLE/GETTY IMAGES

Pediatric cancer survivors to get specialized care

Health. Province trying to track down about 3,000 adults for follow-up treatment

A new provincial health program will provide adult survivors of childhood cancer with support in identifying and treating any late effects of the radiation and chemotherapy they underwent as children, the B.C. government announced Thursday.

Dr. Karen Goddard, radiation oncologist for the BC Cancer Agency, said the program is critical to providing patients with support after they've left pediatric care.

"It's really important to reach out to them," she told Metro. "These patients have major health problems. They're cured (of cancer), but it's at a major cost to their health."

About 80 per cent of patients who undergo treatment for childhood cancer are at a high risk of developing secondary cancer and chronic health issues, including heart and lung disease, endocrine problems, and diabetes. Many also face developmental disabilities that affect their ability to work or attend school.

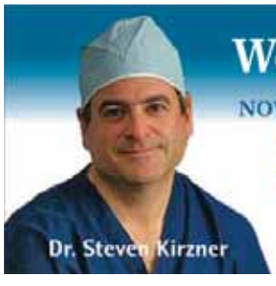
The agency is in the process of tracking down about 3,000 pediatric cancer survivors to determine if they need follow-up care.

For Carolyn Vacheresse, president of the Pediatric Cancer Survivorship Society, who has lobbied for specialized care for adult survivors of childhood cancer for years, she said Thursday's announcement was a cause for celebration.

Her daughter Danielle was diagnosed with a brain tumour at 18 months and underwent at least 30 surgeries and experimental drug treatments as a child.

Now 21, Danielle is blind and in a wheelchair with a host of health problems, including liver failure, dementia and osteoporosis.

"Now we are finally going to be able to get doctors that are specialized in late effects," she said. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO



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Hey Vancouverites, what do you think about cyclists?

Survey. City gauging residents' attitudes as it aims to get two-thirds of people out of cars and onto bikes, buses, sidewalks by 2040

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If you want to start an argument at a Vancouver dinner party, there's no need to talk about religion or politics — just mention cycling etiquette or bike lanes.

The City of Vancouver wants to figure out residents' attitudes toward cycling as it tries to get two-thirds of people out of cars and onto bikes, buses and sidewalks by 2040.

It released the survey Thursday on Talk Vancouver, an online platform launched in 2013 to collect opinions more easily.

It's studying people's perceptions of different transportation modes because these beliefs can affect how someone decides to travel, the city's director of transportation Jerry Dobrovolny told Metro when the city launched its walking survey last month.

Ultimately, the city's road network doesn't have the capacity to deal with the expected influx of residents in the next 25 years, Dobrovolny said. So the city wants to get a pulse on why people are reluctant (or ready) to give up their vehicles to bike, walk or use transit.

It asks what people think of cyclists — for instance, are they seen as health-conscious professionals or just too broke to afford a car — and whether bicycling is a positive or negative activity. It also asks questions with more specific applications, such as whether people appreciate separated bike lanes and secured bike parking at their destinations.

The survey comes after a year of record ridership in the city's separated bike lanes and the approval of a controversial bike path in Kitsilano.

To take the survey, visit talkvancouver.com.

A cyclist makes her way along Pender Street in the rain on Thursday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Wet weather to wallop B.C.'s South Coast

A woman holds a newspaper over her head to keep dry on Georgia Street, Thursday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Umbrellas and rain boots may not be enough to stay dry this Family Day long weekend as an intense storm system is expected to pelt B.C.'s South Coast.

The national weather agency issued weather warnings Thursday for the entire region, stretching from Metro Vancouver to the Fraser Valley, Whistler and the Sunshine Coast.

The moist Pacific front will wallop the region overnight Thursday and Friday, said Jennifer Hey, meteorologist for Environment Canada, who warned that flash floods and water pooling on roads are real possibilities.

She urged people to watch for possible washouts near rivers, creeks and culverts.

"That's the concern," she said. "It starts with a heavy period of rain and then it continues on, so it doesn't really give the rivers enough time to release what they've absorbed so far."

In Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, total rainfall over the two-day period will range from 50 to 80 millimetres. It could reach up to 120 millimetres for Howe Sound and the North Shore Mountains.

On Thursday, the city urged residents to clear leaves from street drains to help reduce flooding. People can report flooding by phoning 311 so crews can respond quickly.

Meanwhile, in Whistler, 10 centimetres of snow fell overnight Wednesday, and another 10 to 15 centimetres was expected Thursday.

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Arson. Relative begs for help with 25-year mystery

Four years ago, a family stricken by the unsolved homicides of a mother, two sisters and a baby girl in 1990 received an anonymous letter.

The mysterious correspondence renewed the hope that an investigation into the devastating arson fire could be reactivated, but Mounties in Prince Rupert, B.C., made little headway.

A member of the bereaved family spoke publicly on Thursday, the 25th anniversary of the fatal blaze, and made an emotional appeal to the secret author to reveal his or her identity.

"I am begging, pleading and hoping that this person or anyone who may have any information, big or small, regarding this arson-homicide to please contact the RCMP," Lorraine Rochon said at a news conference in Surrey, B.C.

The bodies of four people were discovered inside the third-floor apartment suite above a store after firefighters extinguished the vicious blaze that was started in the early morning hours of Feb. 5, 1990.

Helga Rochon, 45, and her daughters Sherri, 26, and Pauline, 19, were killed, along with Pauline's seven-month-old daughter, Kimberly.

"We are certain that someone has information to allow our investigators to solve this crime," RCMP Supt. Ward Lymburner said. "They now have an opportunity to find answers for Helga, Sherri, Pauline and Kimberly." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"Know only the truth will set you free from your guilt."

Lorraine Rochon

Budget. B.C. to pay down debt first, says de Jong

Finance Minister Mike de Jong says he may even address controversial social-service clawbacks as the provincial government plans to use its higher-than-forecasted budget surplus to pay down debt.

De Jong said Thursday that the budget he'll table Feb. 17 will include a surplus higher than the $444 million he forecast last fall, although he declined to reveal specifics.

Balancing the books and recording surpluses gives the government the modest ability to address some initiatives, he added.

"The first call on the surpluses is to pay down that amount; the several billions of dollars that we borrowed on behalf of British Columbians to pay for the services through those even-more-difficult years," said De Jong.

He hinted the budget could address the clawbacks to social assistance payments received by single-parent families, which drew fire from the Opposition New Democrats, social service groups and single parents who demanded the government stop deducting support payments from income and disability-assistance cheques.

Premier Christy Clark said in a previous interview that budget surplus projections could result in some social-assistance top-ups this year, but didn't promise to end clawbacks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo is the focal point of a sociology course at UBC. GONZALO ARROYO MORENO/GETTY IMAGES FILE

At UBC? Enrol in a course on Ronaldo

Education. Fourth-year sociology students can analyze the Portuguese soccer star in depth

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Who is the world's best soccer player, Cristiano Ronaldo or Lionel Messi?

Well, the Portuguese superstar has a clear advantage when it comes to university sociology studies in British Columbia.

Fourth-year students at UBC Okanagan's Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences are currently studying the 30-year-old, three-time FIFA player of the year, who is known as much for his good looks, underwear modeling and hair styles as for skills on the pitch.

But there's more to the man — and his effect on society — than meets the eye.

"I don' think there is anybody more visible and popular when it comes to athletes in the world," said associate professor Luis Aguiar, who developed the course.

The Real Madrid star's life, for Aguiar, is an opportunity to explore issues of athlete commoditization (his rights were sold to a professional club at age 11), discrimination (he hails from am impoverished area of Portugal and was picked on for his accent), fame and how it correlates with his status as a national icon and international celebrity.

There are 20 students enrolled in the class, who didn't necessarily know of the Ronaldo curriculum beforehand.

Aguiar explains a registration glitch meant students came into the class thinking they were taking a course on international citizenry.

When one student found out it was actually a course on an athlete, she walked out.

"Everyone else stayed and realized the idea is still to develop a sociological analysis," said Aguiar, of Portuguese descent himself and, therefore, quite biased in the Ronaldo versus Messi debate.

Those looking for extra credit can help Aguiar score another goal: Get Ronaldo himself to Skype with the class.

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"The interesting thing is how Ronaldo embodies all these larger social issues."

Associate professor Luis Aguiar

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Traffic

Pedestrian struck in Richmond dies

An 80-year-old man who was struck by a car Jan. 31 has died from him injuries, according to Richmond RCMP.

The man was rushed to hospital after being hit near the intersection of Cambie and Garden City roads that night.

Meanwhile, two pedestrians are recovering after being struck by a truck in the 12200 block of 90th Avenue in Surrey on Wednesday evening. The driver remained at the scene and is cooperating with police.

The pedestrians, a 28-year-old male and 19-year-old female (who was thrown into a water-filled ditch from the impact) were taken to hospital in stable condition with possible fractures.

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East Vancouver

U.S. man facing attempted murder charges

A U.S. man was arrested Thursday afternoon for the alleged attempted murder and aggravated assault of a 28-year-old woman in an East Vancouver apartment on Wednesday night.

Andrew Charles Baldwin, 33, is facing charges of aggravated assault and attempted murder in connection with an incident in the 1500 block of East 6th Avenue shortly after 10 p.m.

Police were called to the apartment after receiving reports a woman had been stabbed. Upon arrival, they found a woman suffering from apparently serious stab wounds. She was taken to hospital and is in stable condition. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Transit

Coalition launches 'Yes' campaign

The broad Better Transit and Transportation Coalition, made up of more than 90 organizations, officially launched its campaign to ensure a "Yes" vote in the spring plebiscite on transit funding Thursday.

The group was formed in December, comprising groups such as the Vancouver Board of Trade and the David Suzuki Foundation, and has been growing in size since.

The group kicked off its campaign during a news conference in Vancouver.

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'Cities are the drivers of jobs and the economy': Robertson

Summit. Big-city mayors push for funding ahead of federal election

The mayors of Canada's biggest cities are pushing the federal government to throw some cash at transit, infrastructure and affordable housing in advance of the 2015 federal election.

Eighteen mayors met to hammer out exactly how the feds can help them solve these major challenges at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Big Cities Summit in Toronto on Thursday.

"It's time to recognize that cities are the drivers of jobs and the economy," Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, the chairman of the big cities mayors' caucus, said in a statement.

"We're telling Canadians, if a political party does not have a serious plan to work with cities, then they don't have a serious plan for jobs and the economy."

The mayors are specifically asking the federal government to help them cut commute times, invest in infrastructure and develop a long-term affordable housing plan.

They argue that a focus on cities is essential in a country where 81 per cent of people live in urban areas, according to the 2011 census.

"In these uncertain times, this is not about what cities need, it's about what the country needs," Robertson said.

"Let's strengthen the things Canada can control: proven job-creators like transit, infrastructure and housing."

Their lobbying efforts come at a time when Metro Vancouverites living in federal co-op housing are set to lose their subsidies. The caucus is also pushing the agenda of the spring transit referendum on a 0.5 per cent regional sales tax, which the city argues will cut congestion.

To build the projects, however, the federal government would still need to commit billions of dollars.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi at the big city mayors' meeting in Toronto on Thursday. Robertson gave Nenshi the crown to celebrate the Calgary mayor's recent win as the world's best mayor of 2014. COURTESY BRAEDEN CALEY

Twins named Dodge and Sierra born in a pickup

Nika Guilbault and her newborn twins, Henry Dodge and Nevada Sierra. CONTRIBUTED

The old Dodge pickup is beaten up after summers of mining in the Yukon, but Nika Guilbault plans to keep it for another 16 years.

By then, her newborn twins, Henry Dodge and Nevada Sierra, will be old enough to boast about driving the same truck in which they were born.

When Guilbault awoke early Jan. 28 at her home in Sorrento, B.C., which is about 430 kilometres northeast of Vancouver, she was sure she was going into labour.

She knew from experience she would have to get to a hospital in Kamloops quickly because her first daughter, now two, was a fast birth.

"We knew it could be quite quick, but it was faster than we thought," said Guilbault. "I basically went from not any contractions to full labour and having a baby within half an hour — and it's an hour drive from Sorrento to Kamloops."

As husband Chris St. Jean steered the truck down the highway, coaching his wife on her breathing while holding the phone so Guilbault could talk to her midwife, baby Nevada was born.

"I had to give her two breaths of air to get her going and she perked right up and her eyes were opened, so I tucked her in my shirt to keep her warm and was just waiting for the next one, and hoping we'd get there," Guilbault said.

"I wouldn't let my husband pull over because I knew we needed to get there because there was another one coming."

They made it to Royal Inland Hospital's parking lot before her second twin was born, with staff helping at the last moments.

Guilbault is grateful everything worked out, as Henry arrived feet-first, with his umbilical cord around his neck.

"We were lucky it was the middle of the night and we had amazing road conditions and it wasn't too cold out or anything," she said.

Had they lived farther from the hospital, or faced bad weather, Guilbault said she would have given birth on the side of the road.

Both babies are now doing well, but Guilbault said because her "Dodge twins" were premature, they won't come home for a few weeks.

In another twist to the story, the truck in which the twins were born is the vehicle Guilbault and her husband used while filming Yukon Gold, a TV show focused on mining, which added the couple to its cast for its third season.

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Reserves. Indoor plumbing to cost $165M, but only a fraction budgeted: Reports

Internal federal documents estimate it will cost $165 million to replace government-issued slop pails with modern indoor plumbing on four of Canada's poorest reserves, but only a fraction of that has been budgeted.

Regional reports from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and obtained by The Canadian Press say $22 million was budgeted in 2011 to install rudimentary indoor plumbing in hundreds of homes in a cluster of northern Manitoba reserves known as Island Lake.

The reports date back to the fall of 2013 and were received under access-to-information legislation.

They say upgraded homes were outfitted with basic plumbing hooked up to individual water and sewage tanks. Although the reports repeatedly say much more money is needed for a community sewage system, no new money has been budgeted in more than three years.

"The project costs exceed available funding," states a report dated March 2014.

A spokesperson for Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt said the minister was not available for comment and did not provide anyone to answer questions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spying accusations

Canadian detained in China freed

China's Foreign Ministry says a Canadian woman detained with her husband on suspicion of stealing state secrets has been released on bail.

A spokesman said Thursday Julia Garratt was released, but her husband, Kevin, is under criminal detention. Their detentions came amid a crackdown on Christian groups aiding North Korean refugees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Top court to release ruling on right to die

Decision. Landmark case could have far-reaching consequences

The country's top court is releasing what could be a landmark decision Friday on the right of the terminally ill to end their lives, a ruling that could have implications for Canada's aging population, as well as doctors and politicians.

The case has pitted the federal government against the Province of Quebec, divided doctors, and stimulated religious groups to face off with patients on the verge of dying.

The moral, legal and political issues raised by a debate that has polarized the country were sparked by an 89-year-old woman with a degenerative spinal condition who travelled to Switzerland in 2010 to do something she could not do at home in Vancouver: end her life under medical supervision with the counsel, comfort and assistance of her family.

Lee Carter is shown if this file photo. Carter's mother, Kay, travelled to Switzerland in 2010 to end her life with medical supervision. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kay Carter's daughter, Lee, brought the case before the courts in British Columbia and convinced a provincial court judge that a law making it a crime to help someone commit suicide is a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

That decision got overturned on appeal, but the case s snaked its way up to the Supreme Court of Canada where the controversial question of euthanasia and assisted suicide will be revisited more than two decades after the 1993 ruling barring ALS patient Sue Rodriguez from ending her life.

The Canadian Medical Association, which lobbies on behalf of the country's physicians, has said it is prepared to help lawmakers draft new rules if necessary, and recently adopted a policy allowing that in some cases of great suffering it may be appropriate to give in to a patient's request to die.

The coalition of groups opposed to the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide are also optimistic about a ruling in favour of their views.

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- Judges reverse ban on end-of-life options, forcing a revision of Criminal Code laws.
- A split ruling to allow assisted suicide but uphold euthanasia ban.

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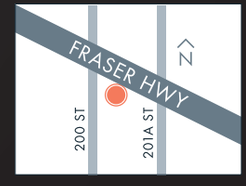

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Soldiers patrol near the Louvre in Paris. LAURENT CIPRIANI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paris restricts filming of action

Movie industry. Paris police feel the actors in uniform could be targets for terrorists and cause confusion among the public

Fearing that actors could be mistaken for police and chase scenes confused for the real thing, Paris is sharply restricting filming of action movies in the city that has been the stage for some of film's most memorable high-octane sequences. Filming outside scenes with police, army or security services was quietly banned after the attacks in the French capital that left 20 dead, including three gunmen.

The telegenic city has long been a favoured filming location, especially for chase scenes that feature some of the world's most recognizable landmarks.

Luc Besson's 2014 box-office hit Lucy, with Scarlett Johansson, features a police chase next to the Louvre — unfeasible under the new rules.

"Had Luc Besson wanted to film this now, it would be impossible," said William Trillaud, set fixer for the movie. The same may have been true of Matt Damon's famed Mini Cooper chase in the Bourne Identity.

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"It could have an impact on the big American productions."

Agnes Naggeotte, of the Cinema Mission of the City of Paris. Paris is holding its annual Film Set Fair this week, hoping that it will continue to attract big productions.

Death Row Records

Former mogul leaves hospital

Former rap mogul Marion (Suge) Knight left a California hospital and went back to jail a day after complaining of chest pains shortly after pleading not guilty to murder in a deadly hit-and-run. The Death Row Records founder is charged with intentionally hitting and killing a man and injuring another with his truck. Knight is accused of running down and killing his friend Terry Carter, 55, and trying to kill Cle "Bone" Sloan, 51.

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Emergency. 'Stop whining,' 911 operator tells teen girl after dad is fatally struck

An emergency-services dispatcher twice told an emotional 13-year-old girl to "stop whining" as her father lay dying after a hit-and-run, according to a recording of the call obtained Thursday.

The accident occurred on a highway about halfway between Washington and Baltimore. The dispatcher has been reassigned to a position away from the public pending an investigation, said Fire Capt. Russ Davies. The dispatcher, whose name Davies declined to release, could return to answering calls but could also face termination.

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Call details

During the five-minute call, the dispatcher asks the teen for more details about what happened. She answers questions but struggles to remain calm.

- The girl tells the dispatcher that her dad was breathing but not conscious.

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Argentina

Gov't focuses on former spy chief in death of prosecutor

The drama that has gripped Argentina since the mysterious death of President Cristina Fernandez's nemesis took a critical new twist Thursday when investigators called one of the country's most enigmatic spy chiefs to testify before them.

Intelligence agent Antonio Stiuso had assisted prosecutor Alberto Nisman in his investigation of the unsolved bombing of a Buenos Aires Jewish community centre in 1994. A report Nisman submitted to a federal judge in January accused Fernandez of agreeing to shield the alleged masterminds of the attack in exchange for oil. But Nisman was found shot dead Jan. 18, hours before he was to appear in Congress.

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Flight from Taiwan

Crash survivor says engine felt wrong

From the start of the flight in Taiwan's capital, survivor Huang Jin-sun suspected trouble.

"There was some sound next to me. It did not feel right shortly after takeoff. The engine did not feel right," the 72-year-old man told ETTV television Thursday from his hospital bed.

Huang was one of 15 people who survived when the TransAsia Airways turbojet carrying 58 people crashed Wednesday into a river minutes after taking off in Taipei. At least 32 people died and 11 are still missing.

Moments before the plane banked sharply and crashed, one of its pilots told the control tower, "Mayday, mayday, engine flameout," according to an aviation official who asked not to be identified.

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Leaders back plan to end Ukraine war

Talks. German chancellor and French president to meet Putin in Moscow on Friday

Carrying a peace plan that reportedly incorporates proposals from Russia, the leaders of Germany and France met Thursday with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko in a hastily arranged mission to bring an end to the accelerated fighting in the east of the country.

The trip by German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande, who will follow by meeting Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday in Moscow, came as concerns rose about whether the U.S. would grant lethal aid to Ukraine and as NATO formed a quick-reaction force of 5,000 soldiers in response to Russia's increased military muscle-flexing.

The high-level diplomacy came as resurgent fighting killed eight more people in eastern Ukraine and fuelled fears the conflict is threatening Europe's overall security. More than 5,300 people have been killed since the fighting started in April.

The top NATO commander, U.S. Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, said Thursday that Russia continues to supply the separatists with heavy, state-of-the-art weapons, air defences and fighters.

In comments to reporters after the talks with Poroshenko, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry urged Russia to show its commitment to a peaceful, diplomatic solution by ceasing its military support for the separatists and bringing them to the negotiation table.

At a later news conference with Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk, Kerry said U.S. President Barack Obama "is reviewing all his options; among those options obviously is the possibility of providing defensive systems to Ukraine."

"We are not interested in a proxy war. Our objective is to change Russia's behaviour," he said.

Nonetheless, U.S. lethal aid to Ukraine would likely intensify the conflict and further polarize the West and Russia.

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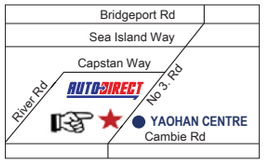

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Liquidation sale misses its Target

Retail. Promised 30% discount items hard to find, leaving bargain-hunters frustrated

Bargain-hunters who expected to unearth major deals at their local Target stores on Thursday, the first day of its liquidation sale, were sure to be disappointed once they got a look at the prices.

Store signs that promised discounts of up to 30 per cent yielded to shelves with price cuts mostly in the 10- to 20-per-cent range.

The elusive deeper discounts quickly became a conversation piece for customers who roamed the store aisles, discussing the savings, or lack of them, on their cellphones.

Liquidation sales began at Target's 133 stores across the country after an Ontario court gave the go-ahead for the sale on Wednesday, less than a month after the U.S. retailer announced its plans to leave Canada.

Despite some complaints, the 30-per-cent discount did exist — if shoppers were looking for cosmetics or women's accessories. Most everything else in the store was reduced by less, with clearance sales on items such as diapers, dishes, and most electronics discounted by 10 per cent.

Apple products, such as the iPad and iPod Touch, were just five per cent off.

Customer traffic spiked at Target locations across the country compared with an average day at the store.

As with most liquidations, the discounts are likely to grow as time goes by and the company looks to clear out product that hasn't sold. Target hopes to be out of Canada before the summer with the goal of closing all of its stores by mid-May. THE CANADIAN PRESS

An employee hangs sale signs at a Target store on the first day of its closing liquidation sale in Toronto on Thursday. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hacking. Sony Pictures head gets reassigned

Amy Pascal will step down as co-chairwoman of Sony Pictures Entertainment and head of the film studio, nearly three months after a massive hack hit the company and revealed embarrassing emails.

Pascal, one of the most powerful women in Hollywood and the force behind such critical and commercial hits as The Social Network and American Hustle, will launch a major new production venture at the studio focused on movies, television and theatre, Sony Pictures said. Her career with Sony has spanned nearly 20 years.

During the hack, Pascal came under fire for racist remarks about U.S. President Barack Obama's presumed choice in movies that surfaced in leaked emails. Pascal also faced criticism for greenlighting the film that may have inspired the hacking to begin with: The Interview.

Pascal will transition to the new venture in May. Sony Pictures will finance Pascal under a four-year contract.

Amy Pascal, Sony Pictures Entertainment co-chairwoman.
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Since Pascal has led the studio, Sony Pictures has amassed over $46 billion US in global theatrical box office revenue and 315 academy award nominations. Some of the films Pascal shepherded include the last three James Bond films, The Da Vinci Code, Adaptation, Eat Pray Love, The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, Moneyball, and Zero Dark Thirty.
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DVD rentals. Redbox pulling out of Canada

DVD and Blu-ray rental company Redbox is shutting down its Canadian operations and pulling its rental kiosks out of Canada.

Chicago-based Redbox announced Thursday that it made the decision after failing to generate sufficient business at its 1,400 rental kiosks across the country.

Company president Mark Horak said the last date for rentals will be Feb. 13, with the last return date on March 5. Most of the kiosks and their contents are expected to be removed and returned to the United States by the end of March. Asked how many employees and contractors would be affected by the shutdown, Horak would say only "very few."

Redbox landed in Canada in mid-2012 and set up most of its machines at grocery and convenience stores.

Physical media has been declining in popularity for several years as more viewers turn to streaming video and video-on-demand options. Last summer, Canadian DVD rental company Zip.ca shut down its Ottawa-based DVD-by-mail operation and removed its rental kiosks in parts of the country.
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Severance not lottery win

That severance package might have to last a while if you're among the thousands of Canadians affected by the spate of recent job cuts.

Jeff Schwartz, executive director of Consolidated Credit Counselling Services of Canada Ltd., said sums paid to departing employees are too often treated as lottery winnings. "And that's the exact wrong thing to do. This should be rationed out. It should be saved," he said.

Severance is meant to "bridge the gap" for taking care of the essentials while an employee is out of work, he said, so any lump sum should be kept readily available. Paying down debt or investing should take a backseat for the time being.

A lot of Canadians are in a tough spot these days. U.S. retailer Target announced last month it's closing up shop in Canada, leaving 17,000 staff out of a job. Oil prices have shrivelled below US$50 a barrel, leading to widespread cutbacks across Alberta's oilpatch. Some 350 Tim Hortons employees are out of work.

Lawyer Kim Nutz figures her office is fielding between 30 and 50 calls a day from folks seeking a severance review. Her firm is based in Calgary, the white-collar heart of the oilpatch. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clothing suppliers

Ethical wear for federal workers

Mounties, prison guards and park wardens could soon be sporting duds made in an ethical way. Public Works — which buys uniforms and work wear for federal government employees — is giving serious thought to going to suppliers who follow strict labour laws and have good working conditions, a document shows. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vatican

Pope tells kids he's computer-illiterate

Pope Francis has made a confession of sorts, telling a 16-year-old girl from Spain that he doesn't have a clue about how to work a computer. The 78-year-old Francis made the confession Thursday during a Google Hangout with several disabled kids from around the world. The children involved showed Francis how they make use of technology, including braille keypads, tablets and video cameras.
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THE KOHLER REPORT
By Rebecca Kohler

For the most part, Canada hasn't dealt with Prohibition since the 1920s (though P.E.I. was dry until 1948, suckers). I'm not saying we're dealing with Prohibition now, but if you take a look around this country, it might feel like you're at least dealing with Prohibition's stubborn grandchild.

For a brief moment, it looked like the idea of selling beer in corner stores was back on the table here in my home province of Ontario, but that wish/dream/desperate longing was thwarted this week when Premier Kathleen Wynne announced that while changes are coming, convenience-store beer would not be one of them.

Ontario is not alone in its archaic, condescending liquor laws. Aside from Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador, most provinces do not allow the sale of beer in corner stores, instead selling the beverage in a mix of highly regulated public and privately-owned stores. Why is buying beer almost as annoying as renewing my health card?

The history is deep. In most provinces, when Prohibition came to an end and average citizens were again able to legally purchase alcohol, they needed a permit, kind of like a driver's licence, to do so.

Every time you went to your Liquor Control Board, you had to show this permit, and the clerk would make a record of what you purchased. Man, I'd be pretty embarrassed if someone had a record of every trip I've made to a liquor store. It would be a novel by now. I'd title it Chianti: A Love Story.

So it's great that things have changed a smidge since early post-Prohibition Canada. I'm also thrilled I'm able to vote as a woman. But it's still no picnic. Meanwhile, you can buy booze in grocery and convenience stores in the U.K., New Zealand, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Malta — the list is pretty much never-ending. In Japan you can buy beer from street vending machines! And in the States, you can get liquor at the pharmacy, which admittedly grosses me out. Picking up your gout medication at the same place you'll be scoring a bottle of Jack? Settle down, now. But that said, these countries are not falling apart at the seams and they are not overrun by zombie-like drunks.

What is the worry? That people will all of a sudden start guzzling beer just because it's there? That we'll all turn into Barney Gumble from the Simpsons? I guess our governments think this is best for us. But, *is it*? Think of a hectic Saturday when you have a bunch of errands to run: dry cleaning, a stop at Canadian Tire, a kid's birthday party drop-off... Now grocery shopping, and while you're picking out a roast beef, you realize, "Frig. I have to go to the liquor store." Now you're late, driving in a rush, you're stressed, you forget to pick up your kids, they develop abandonment issues — pandemonium!

Booze hogs, not bozos

The governments aren't stupid. They saw how much money bootleggers made during Prohibition and they wanted a piece of it.

Then there are places like Nunavut where there are no liquor stores — you have to order alcohol by mail — a precaution taken to help curb alcoholism and stave off drinking-related crimes.

Sadly, this has not helped, and thanks to bootleggers and other providers of illegally sourced alcohol, they're still boozing it up there.

This has less to do with protecting us from our bad habits and more to do with money. The governments aren't stupid. They saw how much money bootleggers made during Prohibition and they wanted a piece of it. In fact, in Ontario, it was the government that decided to start selling alcohol again after the people voted against the idea (don't even get me started on those bozos).

And to this day, the government profits greatly every time you get your bevvy on — because it knows people are going to drink and they will find a way to do it. Sure, I whine about the walk to the liquor store, but does it stop me from going? No way. I'd crawl there if I had to.

This is a charade! The government "protects us" by keeping our liquor in a cookie jar on a high shelf, but it's like, "Dude, I know where the ladder is. Could we just keep the cookies on the counter? I have things to do."

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler

Happy face/Sad face

From double disgraces to temper tantrums, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:

LYING LANCE

Here we are again, shaking our heads at Lance Armstrong. This time it's over the disgraced cyclist's admission that he hit a couple of parked cars in Aspen, then let his girlfriend take the blame. Armstrong said he was trying to protect his teenagers from seeing his name in the papers again. Well played, Lance. Well played.

A MILE IN HIS SHOES

A Detroit man who walks 34 kilometres every day to get to work may soon be getting a much-needed car — at least — thanks to a crowdfunding campaign that's raised more than $230,000. James Robertson, who makes $11 an hour at a job not accessible by transit, has been walking to work in all weather for 10 years. He's never been late and never missed a day.

TODDLERS AND TIARAS AND TANTRUMS

This week in sore-loser news, the runner-up in the Miss Amazon pageant snatched the tiara off the winner's head, threw it down and stormed off stage like, well, a toddler. Sheislane Hayalla claimed her rival, Carol Toledo, bought the title.

NENSHI MANIA

Finally, a Canadian mayor is making international headlines for all the right reasons. Calgary's Mayor Naheed Nenshi has been named the best mayor in the world by U.K. research group City Mayors Foundation. Nenshi beat out 120 other mayors to win the title. (Cowboy) hats off to you, Mr. Nenshi!

PUT DOWN THE PHONE!

It's a sign of the times, we suppose. This photo of a boater in California has gone viral after the man was seen texting while a humpback whale breached beside him. Witnesses said he never looked away from his phone and missed the whole thing.

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It's our fault that movies are dull

Analysis. As audiences flock to see films based on comic books, video games and old TV shows, more serious and original movies get lost in the shuffle

Channing Tatum and Mila Kunis star in Jupiter Ascending. CONTRIBUTED

In Focus

RICHARD CROUSE

Who's to blame for Hollywood's current lack of originality?

Are the suits too eager to green-light reboots and sequels?

Are screenwriters so uninspired that they can't think past remaking their favourite 1980s TV shows?

Do actors only consider characters based on video games?

Of course not.

The people responsible for the movie doldrums these days live in your mirrors and selfies.

That's right. If you go to the cinema and didn't check out Birdman, Whiplash or Obvious Child, but did go see Guardians of the Galaxy 25 times, you forced Hollywood's hand, guaranteeing another 10 years of the big-screen exploits of comic-book characters, Rocket Racoon and company.

Guardians is a fun movie that people liked and Hollywood is in the business of giving moviegoers what they want.

But the fear is that a constant stream of familiar-feeling films could create a less-discerning audience. If you are fed a steady diet of dog food, eventually you'll get used to the taste.

Birdman is an accessible and entertaining movie. But with a total gross of less than one weekend's business for Guardians, it's unlikely to inspire a Birdman 2: No Plucking Way.

However, a bigger box office take for films like Birdman could inspire more adventurous films, as an antidote to the slew of movies with numbers in their titles.

Big-budget Hollywood doesn't often take the path less trodden.

People went to see Inception, but I would argue the reference point for that movie was director Christopher Nolan — hot off the Batman streak — and not the unique story.

Less successful were originals like Edge of Tomorrow, despite the usually winning mix of great reviews and Tom Cruise, and Transcendence, the computer hard drive horror that brought Johnny Depp's box office average way down.

Despite those high-profile failures, this weekend, Warner Brothers has gone off the map to show support for an original story from The Matrix directors, the Wachowskis.

Jupiter Ascending is a space opera about genetically engineered warrior Caine (Channing Tatum) who helps human janitor Jupiter Jones (Mila Kunis) take her place as heir to the galaxy.

Big stars, big-name directors and a new story should appeal, but already the knives are out.

"Jupiter Ascending looks like a great movie," wrote @RickIngraham on twitter, "to never see."

Jupiter Ascending will rise or fall based on audience interest, but if it tanks, it'll be harder for other unusual stories to get made.

There are already at least 30 sequels, reboots and spin-offs scheduled for 2015 — everything from Star Wars: The Force Awakens to Paul Blart: Mall Cop II — so unless you want another Daddy Day Care reboot in 2016, get out of your comfort zone and see something new and original today.

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The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water

Director. Paul Tibbitt

Stars. Tom Kenny

SpongeBob SquarePants, the world's favourite sea-dwelling invertebrate, comes ashore to our world for his most super-heroic adventure yet.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 77% **Audience:** + 89%

Drama

Seventh Son

Director. Sergey Bodrov

Stars. Jeff Bridges, Julianne Moore

In a time long past, an evil is about to be unleashed that will reignite the war between the forces of the supernatural and humankind once more. Master Gregory is a knight who had imprisoned the malevolently powerful witch, Mother Malkin, centuries ago. But now she has escaped and is seeking vengeance.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet **Audience:** 51%

Comedy

Jupiter Ascending

Director. Andy Wachowski, Lana Wachowski

Stars. Mila Kunis, Channing Tatum

From the streets of Chicago to the far-flung galaxies whirling through space, Jupiter Ascending tells the story of Jupiter Jones (Mila Kunis), who was born under a night sky, with signs predicting she was destined for great things.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 37% **Audience:** + 97%

Comedy/Romance

Love, Rosie

Director. Christian Ditter

Stars. Lily Collins

Since the moment they met at age five, Rosie and Alex have been best friends, facing the highs and lows of growing up side by side. A fleeting shared moment, one missed opportunity, and the decisions that follow send their lives in completely different directions. As each navigates the complexities of life and love they always find their way back to each other.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 29% **Audience:** + 88%

Comedy

The Voices

Director. Marjane Satrapi

Stars. Ryan Reynolds

Jerry is a seemingly normal man trying to succeed in his new job at the Milton Bathtub Factory. He lives in a normal apartment the type you would expect from a young bachelor with his dog, Bosco, and his cat, Mr. Whiskers. Yet something seems off.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 85% **Audience:** + 94%

Drama

Black or White

Director. Mike Binder

Stars. Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer

Black or White is the story of a grandfather (Kevin Costner) who is suddenly left to care for his beloved granddaughter. When her paternal grandmother (Octavia Spencer) seeks custody with the help of her brother (Anthony Mackie), the girl is torn between two families who love her deeply.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 44% **Audience:** + 89%

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From Ned Stark to immortal Internet meme

Actor interview.
Sean Bean talks about web fame and working with the Wachowskis on Jupiter Ascending

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Sean Bean plays a human-bee hybrid helping out earthling Jupiter (Mila Kunis) in Jupiter Ascending. CONTRIBUTED

Sean Bean has made a career in big-budget genre fare, from James Bond to The Lord of the Rings to Game of Thrones.

His latest sends him to outer space with co-directors Andy and Lana Wachowski for Jupiter Ascending, in which Bean plays a human-bee hybrid helping an unwitting earthling (Mila Kunis) embrace her true heritage as one of the most powerful beings in the universe.

That career of his, by the way, has also inspired an entire sub-genre of Internet memes, remixing his more famous lines for commentary on sports, politics, pop culture or anything, really. Not that he necessarily knows what a meme is, exactly.

When you're working with the Wachowskis, do you ever play one off of the other, since you have two directors?
You mean try and get one pissed off with the other one?

Say you don't necessarily like the direction one of them's giving you...
No, no (laughs). It was quite good, really, because if Andy was directing, Lana would take a back seat, and vice versa. It was actually kind of hard to distinguish because they were so kind of focused and singular in what they wanted to get. They have kind of different styles. I guess Andy was a bit more physically oriented than Lana. She was more cerebral and low-key in the sense that she wanted a very kind of even reading, a very natural kind of rendition. I guess, because we were in a sci-fi film, it's quite easy to push it maybe too much, and she didn't like that. She liked it quieter, which I totally agree with. It's an interesting kind of thing to think about. People don't actually declaim everything. Every scene you're in, if you've got one line, sometimes it's important but it's not, you know, in the scheme of things it's just a simple, natural reading. That was quite interesting, listening to them and improving it in terms of what we were doing.

How aware are you of the Internet memes built up around your characters?
Kind of, I think. Yes, I saw one that said, "One does not simply walk into Bramall Lane," which I thought was quite good because my soccer team is Sheffield United. We played the Spurs the other night, and that was the thing: "One does not simply walk into Bramall Lane."

What is it like to actually be an Internet meme?
Is that what it is, a meme? I'm a meme? It's quite good, yeah. And it can be applied to lots of situations, that "One does not simply …" line. Yeah, it's great.

Also, on behalf of all people named Ned, I wanted to thank you for giving us someone cool in pop culture with our name.
Oh yeah. Ned Stark, yeah. I don't really meet a lot of Neds. It's an unusual name. What's it short for, Edward? That's a good name.

My mom seems to think so.
Definitely a good name, yeah.

More online!

- As a special treat, we got Sean Bean to indulge us by doing a live-reading of some of the more ridiculous Sean Bean Memes we could come up with. Go online to metronews.ca to see the results. You won't be sorry.

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When you get music's biggest names — and egos — all in one room, you can expect drama to ensue. From frenemies, to relationship drama, and trash talk about who really deserves to win, the 57th Grammy Awards are shaping up to be the most controversial yet. Here's what to keep an eye out for

EMILY LAURENCE
Metro in New York City

5 controversies about this year's Grammys

Everyone has an opinion about Iggy Azalea

As soon as it was announced that Iggy Azalea was nominated for Best Rap Album (up against Childish Gambino, Common, Schoolboy Q, Wiz Khalifa and Eminem), musicians didn't hold back declaring how they felt, especially those who feel she is appropriating black culture, including Q-Tip and Solange Knowles. Most publicly, Azealia Banks slammed her in an interview with Hot 97 saying, "The Grammys are supposed to be awards for artistic excellence. Iggy Azalea is not excellent."

Iggy Azalea GETTY IMAGES

Selena Gomez and Zedd GETTY IMAGES

Will Selena Gomez show up with Zedd?

Between their flirty Instagrams and constant sightings together, the rumour mill is abuzz that Zedd has replaced Justin Bieber as the leading man in Gomez's life. They haven't made things "official" yet, so will they use this moment as their chance to confirm the relationship. You watching, Biebs?

Bad Blood between Taylor Swift and Katy Perry continues

Swift and Perry still haven't buried the hatchet for their public frenemy drama, and given that both singers are nominated, they'll both to be there, with their game faces on. How far away will they be sitting from each other? Will they run into each other on the red carpet or at any after parties? Will they shock everyone by posing for a photo together? One thing is sure, we'll all be watching.

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Sam Smith rumoured by some to beat out Beyoncé

Beyoncé GETTY IMAGES

Nominees for the night's biggest award, Album of the Year, include Beck, Beyoncé, Ed Sheeran, Sam Smith and Pharrell Williams. While Beyoncé has become the most nominated female artist in Grammy history with 46 nominations in all (including 17 wins), insiders predict that Sam Smith will overtake the queen. It's a new artist versus a proven pro and the competition is fierce.

Will Ariana Grande show up Madonna?

Madonna's not slowing down any time soon. Her 13th album Rebel Heart is out later this year and she's performing for the fifth time at the Grammys. But does she still have what it takes to compete with teen faves, like Ariana Grande? Grande has publicly declared her love for Madonna, but she could outshine her idol with her own performance. Tune in to see which pop star has the best performance.

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Now we'll Sia. Singer turns heads with hits

The Grammys. Showing her face or not, reclusive songwriter Sia earns recognition as pop star

Think it's tough to catch a glimpse of Sia's face during her performances these days? Try booking an interview with the reclusive singer.

The performer, who has risen in the pop music ranks thanks to writing hits for female stars and hitting the charts with her own tunes, has dodged press and even turns her head during live performances. The creative campaign for her latest album, 1000 Forms of Fear, was a success thanks to radio airplay and its highly viewed music videos starring Maddie Ziegler of Dance Moms. Sia's album debuted at No. 1 and Chandelier became a multi-platinum international success.

She even earned four Grammy nominations — though she's not sure she'll attend the big show on Sunday.

"I know, it's getting a little close," longtime manager David Russell said in an interview last week (Sia, obviously, wouldn't be interviewed for this story). "It remains to be seen what we'll do."

Sia and Chandelier earned nominations in the top categories, including song and record of the year.

Russell, who has worked with Sia for more than a decade, said they didn't see the commercial success coming.

"We didn't anticipate that kind of reaction, but that fact that that's come has been extraordinary," he said.

Pop singer Sia. GETTY IMAGES

Last year marked a breakthrough for 39-year-old Sia, who released her first album in 1997. After writing for a slew of singers, from Rihanna (Diamonds) to Beyoncé (Pretty Hurts), she finally saw her own Top 40 success with Chandelier, a song she originally thought she might send to Rihanna. The writing success came around the time Sia co-starred on David Guetta's Titanium, a song the mega-producer had to convince her to do.

Russell says Alicia Keys was originally considered for Titanium, and even Mary J. Blige cut the track.

"It simply came down to David begging that Sia stay on the record, and wisely she agreed," Russell said. "I mean, it literally happened like two days after she was like, 'That's it. I'm done making my own records. I'm just going to be a behind-the-scenes writer now.'"

Russell says at the time, Sia was becoming famous and it began to make her "feel really uncomfortable" and "really unhappy, so she wanted to put the brakes on that."

But Titanium became a seminal moment for Sia, which was followed by another Top 10 hit, Flo Rida's Wild Ones, which she also sang on and co-wrote.

Sia also has written for Katy Perry, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera and Kylie Minogue.

Sia's other Grammy nominations include best pop solo performance and music video for Chandelier.

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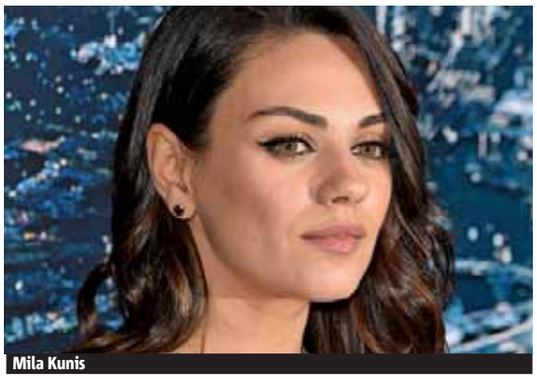
Battling addiction

Manager David Russell said people should pay attention to his client, "a woman who is 39 years old and isn't trading on sex or accessibility."

- He also adds that Sia's grown over the years, especially watching her get sober.
- "Getting to a place of recognizing you have an addiction issue and then taking the strides, the major strides it takes to combat that issue, I can't think of anything more important that she's achieved than finding that spiritual centre and finding sobriety," he said.


Mila Kunis

Mila Kunis taking full advantage of her new assets

Being a new mother comes with all sorts of amazing gifts, but Mila Kunis is focusing on two in particular.

"Boy did these things grow," she tells Conan O'Brien during an interview, referring to her breasts.

"I don't know how to deal with them because I've never had them. So I always dress for a flat-chested girl, and all of a sudden I'm busty and I'm like, 'Whoa! Check it out!' This is amazing for me. It's a whole new world."

And apparently it's amazing for people she runs into as well: "Men look at my boobs now," she insists, clearly unaware that men had been doing that before as well.

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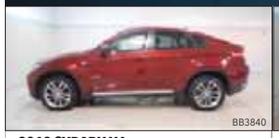
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A couple hung up on the prenup?

Justin Theroux and Jennifer Aniston

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux are still apparently having trouble working out the finer details of their prenuptial agreement, according to Us Weekly — or at least one detail of it.

The sticking point? Whether Theroux should be entitled to any of Aniston's earnings from Netflix for the recent Friends deal. "The prenup is pretty much done," a source says. "Jen won't see money from Netflix for about a year, so there has been back and forth about whether her earnings will be considered from during or before their marriage."

Reunited cast of Bell have a blast at Bayside with Fallon

Jimmy Fallon and the former cast of Saved by the Bell re-enact a scene from the beloved '90s sitcom. HANDOUT

For his run of shows out of Los Angeles, Jimmy Fallon has promised a lot of special treats on The Tonight Show, and last night he certainly delivered.

Fallon pulled off a near-complete Saved by the Bell reunion with a skit chronicling his last day as a student at the fabled '90s high school before running off to New York to become a comedian.

For the bit, Fallon roped in Mark-Paul Gosselaar, Elizabeth Berkley, Mario Lopez, Dennis Haskins (that's Mr. Belding to you) and — most impressively — Tiffani Thiessen and got them into pretty perfect approximations of their old wardrobes — giant mobile phone and all.

Fallon had tried for several years during his Late Night run to get the various cast members together for a reunion, but Thiessen always proved elusive, even prompting her to make a Funny or Die video explaining why she was too busy. But I guess her schedule freed up.

But where were Lark Voohries and recently arrested Dustin Diamond? No one seemed to mention their absence.

Funny that.

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Pizza Dough

1. In bowl, combine water, oil and sugar. Set aside.

2. In bowl with wooden spoon, combine flour, yeast and salt. Add water mix and combine into soft ball. Knead dough 3 minutes on floured surface.

3. Place dough in clean and lightly oiled bowl. Cover bowl with a damp cloth and let rise in a warm and humid place for about 1 hour or until the dough doubles in size.

Pizza Toppings

1. With rack in lowest position, place pizza stone or an upside-down baking sheet in the oven. Preheat the oven to 450 F (230 C).

2. In bowl, combine endives, onion, sausage and oil. Season with salt and pepper.

3. Cut dough into four pieces. On floured work surface, roll out four 10-inch (25 cm) round crusts. Sprinkle a little cornmeal on hot stone or baking sheet. Use sheet of parchment paper that will allow you to easily slide the dough in the oven.

4. Spread quarter of endive mixture on each crust and sprinkle with quarter of cheese. Bake on hot stone or baking sheet for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Repeat with the remaining crusts.

5. Garnish pizza with peach slices. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED IN 2014.**

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Pizza Dough
- 1 cup (250 ml) warm water
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 2 3/4 cups (385 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp instant dry yeast (quick-rising)
- 1/2 tsp salt

Pizza Toppings
- 4 medium-sized endives, cored and thinly sliced
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup (150 g) Rosette de Lyon sausage, cut into 1/4-inch (1/2 cm) dice
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) olive oil
- 2 cups (200 g) grated Gruyère cheese
- 2 ripe but firm peaches, sliced
- Salt and pepper

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The infinite variety of toppings to choose from makes pizza one of the most versatile wine-pairing opportunities.

While I gravitate towards a meatier pie and a glass of red Italian Chianti, this week's recipe from Chef Ricardo really thinks outside the pizza box.

It's not the combination of sausage and endive that's a unique concept. It's the addition of peaches that really makes for an interesting slice.

Both endive and peaches prefer a white wine with a touch of sweetness, and the Viognier and Chenin Blanc grapes provide enough sugary goodness while still finishing fairly dry.

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Sharks defenceman Brenden Dillon drives Canucks centre Shawn Matthias into the boards at Rogers Arena on Thursday night. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canucks can't swim with the Sharks

NHL. Vancouver continues to struggle at Rogers Arena

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One game is all that remains in what is amounting to another disappointing homestand for the Vancouver Canucks.

Thursday's effort against the San Jose Sharks, a team the Canucks are trying to catch in the Pacific Division standings, further drives home the concern about a potential second-half collapse for Vancouver's NHL team.

On Thursday

Sharks	Canucks
5	1

The Sharks, who played and lost Wednesday night in Calgary, began Thursday's game third in the division, two points up on the Canucks.

They'll leave Vancouver with a four-point cushion after a 5-1 victory against the Canucks at Rogers Arena.

Had it not been for the early play of Ryan Miller, the Canucks could have been down two or three goals by the end of the first period. They were thoroughly outplayed.

There was only so much Miller could do.

He was eventually beaten, as Matt Irwin's shot from the boards seemed to surprise the Canucks goalie, the puck clanging off the post and in to give San Jose the lead.

San Jose increased its lead in the second period.

Melker Karlsson scored on a deflection that completely fooled Miller, and Joe Pavelski made it 3-0 on a 5-on-3 power play with only 15 seconds remaining in the period.

The Canucks close out this homestand against the Pittsburgh Penguins on Saturday.

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Giants shift focus to discipline

Despite another losing streak, the playoffs are still, technically, a very real possibility for the Vancouver Giants.

They host the Red Deer Rebels at the Pacific Coliseum on Friday, while sitting three points back of the third-place Kamloops Blazers in the B.C. Division standings, with two games in hand before Thursday's games.

The obvious fact during this skid, which includes losses in nine of their last 10 games, is that the Giants need wins. In order to get those, they need to stop — or at least drastically reduce — the amount of self-inflicted pain caused by a lack of discipline.

"Discipline's a huge part. We've been preaching it a lot all year, especially in the last month," said 19-year-old centre Carter Popoff.

In the last 10 games, opposing teams have scored a combined 14 power-play goals in 43 opportunities against the Giants.

Those penalties and subsequent power-play goals have all seemed to come at the worst possible times, allowing opponents to take the lead or increase their lead when Vancouver may have had a chance to get back into a game.

"It's not the recipe for winning," said head coach Claude Noel.

Popoff said it falls to the leaders of the team to put words into action and play a more disciplined style of hockey. "It starts with us. If we're going to be preaching it to the whole team … and the younger guys, we've got to go on the ice and set an example," said Popoff.

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Tiger leaves event in pain

In an ominous start to his season, Tiger Woods walked off the course after 11 holes Thursday at the Farmers Insurance Open in San Diego because of tightness in his lower back, a situation he attributed to a fog delay. It was his third straight PGA Tour event that he missed the cut for or withdrew from and the sixth time since 2010 that he withdrew because of injury. DONALD MIRALLE/GETTY IMAGES

Aaron Hernandez

Lawyer's joke deflates tension at murder trial

A lighter moment during the murder trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez came when one of his lawyers made a joke about Deflategate.

Tire tracks were found at the crime scene. On Thursday, Hernandez's lawyer James Sultan asked Massachusetts State Police Trooper Timothy Dowd about tire pressure.

As he wrapped up cross-examination, Sultan asked one last question: "Did you ever receive training in football deflation devices?"

Dowd said no, and Sultan sat down.

The Patriots were accused of using underinflated footballs in their AFC championship win. The team went on to win the Super Bowl.

Hernandez is accused of the 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd, who was dating the sister of his fiancée. He had a $40 million contract when he was arrested.

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Ducks attack rusty Rinne in Nashville

NHL. Silfverberg's pair vaults Anaheim over Predators atop West

Ducks right wing Jakob Silfverberg scores a goal against Nashville Predators goalie Pekka Rinne in the first period of Thursday's game in Nashville. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jakob Silfverberg scored two goals to help the Anaheim Ducks take the top of the NHL standings by beating the Nashville Predators 5-2 Thursday night.

Anaheim and Nashville came in tied atop both the NHL and the Western Conference with 72 points, though the Predators have a game in hand. The teams also have the league's winningest goalies with Pekka Rinne back in net for Nashville after missing three weeks with an injured knee. Frederik Andersen made 44 saves in tying Rinne with his 29th win.

Sami Vatanen and Matt Beleskey scored a goal each for Anaheim. The Ducks started a five-game road trip in dominating fashion even with centre Ryan Getzlaf scratched after aggravating a lower-body injury in warm-ups.

Colin Wilson and James Neal each scored in the third period for Nashville. But Corey Perry got an empty-netter with 1:19 remaining.

Anaheim now has won the first two games in the season series as the Ducks won their fourth straight in Nashville.

On Thursday

Ducks	Predators
5	2

Nashville snapped a franchise-record eight-game winning streak at home. The Predators also had been a league-best 20-2-1 at home, with their last loss Dec. 6, and they had Rinne back in net for the first time since hurting his knee Jan. 13. The goalie was 10-0-1 in his 11 games before getting hurt.

But Rinne looked rusty in his return.

He stopped a shot from Silfverberg and the puck went off Rinne's stick, with Nashville defenceman Shea Weber next to him. The Ducks forward skated around both and scored short-handed on a backhander over a sprawling Rinne 1:52 into the game.

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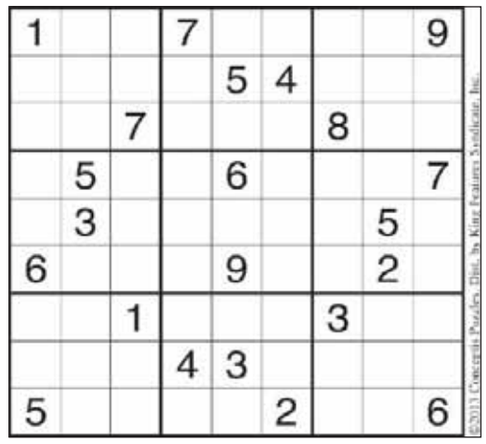

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	5	2	7	8	9	3	4
3	8	7	4	6	9	2	1	5
9	2	4	1	3	5	6	8	7
7	3	2	5	8	4	1	6	9
5	9	1	3	2	6	7	4	8
8	4	6	7	9	1	5	2	3
4	1	3	6	5	7	8	9	2
2	5	9	8	1	3	4	7	6
6	7	8	9	4	2	3	5	1

See for yourself.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't worry about how much something of a creative nature is going to cost you. If your plan is a good one – and it is – then the cosmic powers that be will help you. Take that risk.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It might not be a good idea to speak from the heart over the next 24 hours, not with some of the negative opinions you have about certain people. A day or two from now your attitude will be a lot more positive.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your confidence may take a dive today but it's no big deal. As a Gemini you are rarely down for long and come the weekend you will be full of life and laughter again.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Under no circumstances commit yourself to anything of a business or financial nature today. If others try to pressure you into signing on the dotted line that is a sure sign you should wait. There's no rush.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Be careful how you talk to and deal with loved ones and family members today. You may not mean to give offence but something you say or do could be taken the wrong way and cause all sorts of problems.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may not be able to get into the swing of things socially today but that's OK. Send time with your thoughts and once you have made sense of them you will be the life of the party.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your principles may cost you money today but you are not the sort to abandon your standards for financial reward. You are also not the sort to admit you got it wrong once you adopt a certain position!

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone in a position of power will put you to the test today and you must raise your game and show them what you can do. There is little doubt you will win in the end.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you allow fear to guide your thoughts and actions you will miss out on something that could make your life so much more enjoyable. Why should you be afraid of something just because it's new?

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you go to extremes over the next 24 hours you are sure to provoke a strong reaction. Is that wise? Try to find a more socially acceptable outlet for your ambition and aggression.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may find it hard to get along with people in positions of authority today but if you take them on you are likely to lose. There are times when it is better to back down gracefully and this is one of them.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may feel run down today but don't worry because things are not as bad as they seem. What little things can you do to make yourself feel comfortable?

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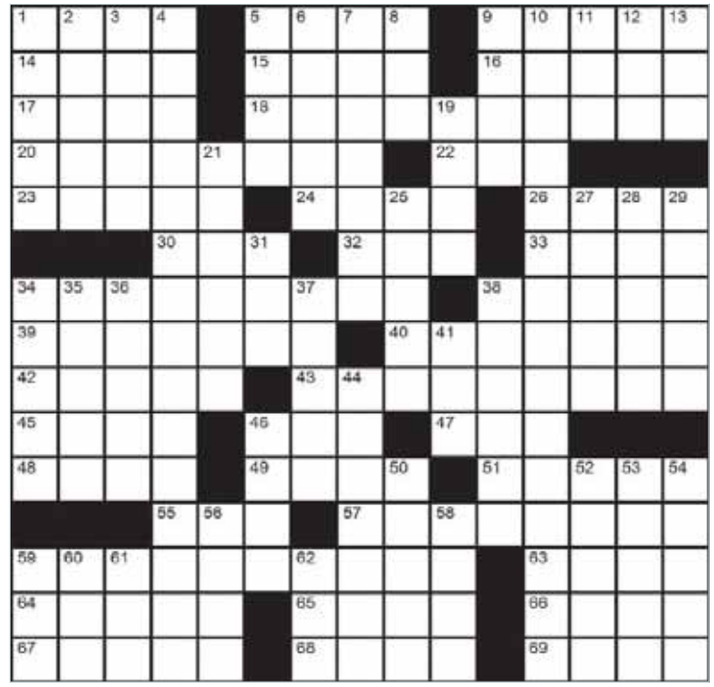

Across

1. "Do the Right Thing" (1989) pizzeria
5. "Break __ __ Me Gently"
9. Home
14. Tom Jones' "__ __ Should Ever Leave You"
15. Tarps-laying reason
16. Cried, kitten-style
17. Biblical land
18. Le Chateau __ (Rustic resort hotel in Quebec)
20. Morden, MB: Marine reptile like 'Bruce' at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, the largest one on display in the world
22. Waste
23. Cache
24. Hawaiian coffee
26. Suggest
30. Tic-Toe link
32. Black Sabbath singer ...his initials-sharers
33. Hodgepodge
34. Way up Whistler
38. Burst with pride
39. Captured again
40. Vancouver attraction, __ Conservatory
42. Tales
43. Eminence
45. Flooding oper.
46. Ms. Larter
47. Liq. measures
48. Exchange [abbr.]
49. Socialite sorts, shortly
51. Arise
55. Peculiar
57. Ancient Roman racers
59. 1909: J.A.D. McCurdy makes history by piloting this aircraft in Canada's first powered flight: 2 wds.
63. Mark Harmon's show
64. Donald Duck nephew
65. "By the Time _ __ to Phoenix"
66. Backsplash square
67. Anxiety
68. Damp
69. Backyard blades

Down

1. Scott __ (MP from Newfoundland)
2. "The game is __." - Sherlock Holmes
3. Tibet's capital
4. Canadian host (who played in the CFL) of HGTV's "Tackle My Reno": 2 wds.
5. "__ la Douce" (1963)
6. Shish __ (Dish popular in Montreal)
7. It was hot with a cat on top: 2 wds.
8. London's prov.
9. Podium
10. Ludwig's 1824 symphony: 2 wds.
11. Hoo-er
12. Benicio Toro link
13. Tokyo, once
19. Times
21. San Jose hockey players
25. We Will __ __ Undersold! (Store's boast)
27. L'__ __ Montreal
28. Frasier's brother
29. Driving costs
31. Toronto-born actor Mr. Bennett
34. Actor Jon
35. Lift with might
36. Fall into _ __ (Get played)
37. Fireplace
38. "Welcome Back, __"
41. Race unit
44. Person's inners shield
46. Mailing info, briefly
50. The Taming of the __
52. __-economic status
53. Handy
54. Spelled-out followers of Rs
56. Bug repellent ingredient
58. Li'l lawyer
59. Extremist org. in 1974 headlines
60. Euripides play
61. Oaf
62. Performed

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